

days with 8 additional working days added to that time due to Hurricane Georges.

"The time was up on December 28, 1998 and we're on April 5," said Tindell. "You can see that this contractor is not making any progress at the cell. Ultimately, we have got to have somewhere to put waste and we don't have time to keep fooling around with this contractor to try to get this cell constructed."

"It is my recommendation that we terminate the services of this con-

tractor as of the end of the day [Monday, April 5, 1999]." Tindell also requested that the commission give the chairman authorization to negotiate an emergency contract with another company to finish the construction of the cell in a timely manner.

The motion was made and approved unanimously to follow the recommendation of the engineer. Commissioners also passed a declaration declaring that an emergency situation did exist, and that failure to complete the construction of this cell could affect the health and welfare of county residents.

During the discussion of the motion, Tindell, and the county attorney Kenneth Fuller, made it clear that several attempts were made to work out a suitable agreement with STRANCO, Inc. to allow them to finish the contract, however, all of their endeavors were without success.

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Representatives of the company, through their attorneys, were informed of Monday's meeting and invited to attend and offer an explanation of their past actions; but they asked that the meeting be delayed a week. They were told that there would be no postponement.

According to Tindell, the construction of Cell 4 is at about 40 percent and the county has paid STRANCO approximately \$340,000 for their work on the project. The contract signed by STRANCO contained a performance bond for 100 percent of the cost of the project should they fail to meet the terms and complete the project.

When asked about the credibility of the company, Tindell said that in his inquiries about STRANCO at the time of the bidding, he was told they were slow but in other cases had done the job. Also, they had a state contractor's license and were the low bidder on the project, and state bid law required the county to accept the low bid.

Elba receives CDBG for U.S. Hwy. 84W sewer project

The Elba City Council met in special session last Thursday afternoon to approve a resolution to complete the paperwork to accept a \$294,106 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to for sewer improvement and extension in the Old Curtis Road area.

The grant will be matched with \$98,035.33 in local funds, bring the total cost of the project to \$297,985.00. It will include installing of collection lines and two sewer pumping stations.

The letter from Governor Don Siegelman to Elba Mayor James Grimes announcing approval of the grant had a handwritten note urging Grimes to thank Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer for their tireless efforts on Elba's behalf.



Calico Fort Plans 28th Annual Event

The tantalizing aroma of hickory and pine, the smell of candles and herbs, the distant sound of the Indian drums and merry chatter and laughter... have all become a permanent part of Calico Fort Arts and Crafts Fair in Fort Deposit, Alabama.

This twenty-eighth annual Calico Fort is planned to be bigger and better than ever. Scheduled for April 10 and 11, visitors of every age will find something to see, to buy, to learn and to enjoy.

Exhibitors, approximately 275 from fifteen states including the Carolinas, Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Arkansas, Louisiana, New York, Florida, and every part of Alabama, have been specially selected to represent the best artisans and craftsmen in their respective areas.

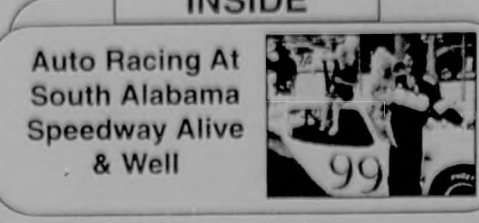
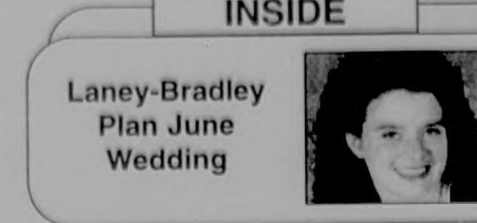
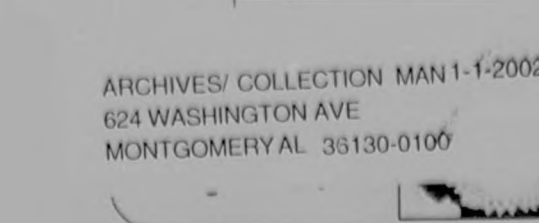
One can expect to find hand-sewing, painted clothing, musical children's clothing, wood works, leather goods, stained and beveled glass, fish scale art, wind chimes, toys of every sort, jewelry designers, pine needle and basket weaving, hammock chairs and swings, furniture in cypress, twig and vine, bird houses, oil, pen & ink and pastel art and plants of all kinds. Special attractions include blacksmiths demonstrating their talents, a glass blower, the Sand Man, Elvin King with his chain saw carvings, and a live soap maker. There will be the candle makers and a designer of elegant Victorian pillows.

Food, food and more food will be a special treat as the men and women of Fort Deposit prepare tons of chicken and pork barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers and sweet confections of every sort. This year one of our exhibitors will demonstrate the fine art of producing delicious home-made ice cream.

Continuous entertainment is always present in the Fort's natural amphitheater. Featured attractions will include The Southern Comfort Band, the Persimmon Creek Cloggers, the Ridgecrest Baptist Vespers Bells and dancers scheduled during the two-day event.

Fort Deposit is located thirty miles south of Montgomery and fifteen miles north of Greenville, just off I-65. Signs will mark the route from the Interstate into the Fort. Gates are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day and admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Make plans now to join in the fun of the twenty-eighth annual event on Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11.



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Road paving priority becomes hot topic in commission meeting

by Marvin McLain, Editor

In Monday's regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission, roads were the "hot" topic of the day.

During the general business of the commission's session of the meeting, a long discussion ensued when Commissioner Doug Dalrymple

sought to have two roads, 721 and 722 (in reality one stretch of road approximately 2 miles long), in his district moved up on the paving list.

According to the "paving priority list" adopted by the commission several months ago, County Road 157 followed by 231 and 601 are the next roads to be paved; however, the commission had agreed to "work in" these two roads should, at the end of the paving season, the highway department need a small project to work on.

County Engineer Randy Tindell estimated the project would take 6 to 8 weeks to complete since the

major preparation has already been done.

Dalrymple's contention was that this paving project could be done while the paperwork (securing of right-of-way deeds) and fence moving was being done on the other paving projects. He noted that the plans on this road (721-722) had been drawn up since 1968.

A motion was made by Dalrymple to pave these two roads. It was seconded by Commissioner Tom Grimsley.

During the discussion of the motion, Commissioner Linda Westbrook expressed a concern that if these roads were moved up on the schedule, money already budgeted for roads on the three-year plan could be spent leaving no funds for "planned projects."

Commissioner Robert Stephens expressed concern about "skipping about" on paving projects. He noted that everything was ready on Co. Rd. 601 (the prioritized list), and it could be paved now if shifting the schedule was going to be the rule.

The engineer told commissioners everything was moving along on Co. Rd. 157 but time is required for landowners to move their fences and for construction crews to cut trees and clear right-of-ways in preparation for the work-up of the roadbed for paving.

Commissioner Grimsley spoke in favor of the motion saying that parts of Co. Rd. 157 that are ready could be worked on while the paving of Dalrymple's roads was being done. This would mean the dividing of highway department personnel which in turn could cause the work on Co. Rds. 721 & 722 to take longer than 6 to 8 weeks.

Commissioner Len Averett, whose district Co. Rd. 157 is located, voiced his objection saying he was not in favor of anything that would slow the paving process on that road. He noted that this project has taken 25 years to finally become a reality.

Finally, the vote was taken on Dalrymple's motion with Commissioners Grimsley and Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis voting with Dalrymple while Commissioners Westbrook,

Stephens and Averett opposed the motion. Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained. The motioned failed 3-3-1.

Commissioner Dalrymple voiced his displeasure with the outcome of the vote on his motion.

A request from Commissioner Averett on the behalf of residents on Co. Rd. 157 that the right-of-way width be reduced from 80 feet to 60 feet was denied by the commission upon the advice of the engineer.

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in the old tanks, but it will soon be used up and the tank abandoned. Morrow said that no date has been set for removing the tanks from the ground, but it will be done.

Grimes reported to council members that a request to the U. S. Justice Department for a waiver on the local match for the COPS program police officers has been approved. The original 75%-25% match will now be a 90%-10% match for the three officers on the COPS program in Elba.

The mayor also referred council members to the financial report in their folders and noted that the cash flow continues to be tight. Sales tax dropped last month, after registering a high the month before.

Renovation funds from flood insurance appear to be adequate, the mayor reported. He gave council members a breakdown of all flood insurance funds received by the City and how they had been used. The total funds spent to date are \$588,506.65 while the flood insurance received was \$647,099.84. Grimes noted that most of the money was spent on the police department and city hall and there is still some work to be completed and a few outstanding bills. He assured the council that a full recovery will be possible with the flood insurance received.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Seeing all the cars on the square Monday morning, it looked like old times - there wasn't a parking place to be found! Alas, it was court day and the lawyers were striking juries from a large pool of potential jury members. It just seems like yesterday that city council members were being hit, at almost every meeting, with complaints about people abusing the parking spaces, should we or shouldn't we have parking meters, etc. Time settled most of those problems as people changed their shopping habits and business changed to accommodate them.

Looking at the business progress and/or rebound in Elba, it is hard not to notice that Tambo Sales has spread out and taken in the building adjoining their corner building on East Davis, just off the South side of the square. If you have a few extra minutes, drop by and tell them how much their presence in Elba is appreciated.

The battle over the lottery and the video poker is running hot and heavy this week. While the governor and others have predicted the lottery bill will pass in the Senate on Tuesday of this week, it would be a mild surprise in this corner to see that happen. The opponents will not roll over and play dead on this issue and that alone will take more than just Tuesday, we think. By the time you are reading this, the above prediction will be a fact or another off the wall statement by a country newspaper publisher.

We are not at home many hours during the day, but are there enough for the political phone calls to find us lately. Several times in the past week we just hung up the telephone after realizing someone had interrupted either our eating, reading or a nap to play a recorded political message. Almost nothing makes us madder and never, never would such a call have any positive influence on our thinking or our actions. If you know anyone in this world who cares about our opinions, give them a strong hint to never ever call our phone number with one of those @#%&*!()@# recorded messages urging involvement on either side of the battle.

Now, for our opinion on the video poker proposal. We are against the bill, period. It is called a bill to end illegal gambling and as the Attorney General pointed out, it probably will because it makes almost everything legal! Our opposition is because it tries to set up a monopoly for the Milton McGregors of this world. They got horse racing legalized "to save" his Birmingham dog track, now we are still needing to save it and the Macom County track (along with Greentrack and the Mobile track). It is hard to understand why the people of Alabama have any legal or moral obligation to give these folks the exclusive rights to anything. Then when they start talking about how much the gambling tax will generate for the counties involved and for the state... these are numbers picked out of the sky to impress and influence Alabamians. That amount will be there IF and only IF the volume of video poker is as high as they hope it will be. If Alabama is going to have those things, throw the gates wide open and allow them in any of the 67 counties in which the majority of the people want them. If that isn't practical, just forget it. McGregors, with his exclusive deals, has made enough off the people of Alabama to prevent him, his family members or silent investors from having to sign up for welfare.

The air war in Yugoslavia continues, and arguments are arising over the effectiveness of the bombing. There also are discussions about a possible ground war, involving American, as well as other NATO soldiers. It will be hard for the U.S. to approve such an action, as President Clinton has already hit the TV tube with assurances there would be no Americans involved in such an action.

Don't know about all our friends, but April 15th is no bugger for us any more this year. Our tax forms went into the mail Tuesday, two whole days ahead of the deadline!

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Alabama's Electric Cooperatives prepare for Y2K problems

by Darryl Gates
Alabama Rural Association of
Cooperatives

On New Year's Eve this year the managers of Alabama's 23 rural electric cooperatives won't be out celebrating. Many of them may be watching television, though. When the new millennium ball drops in Times Square it will be midnight, Jan. 1, 2000. Those of us in the Central time zone will have one hour to watch our neighbors in the East deal with problems the "Year 2000 (Y2K) bug" may cause. If the television screens go blank in New York, for example, electric

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 6, 1999, through April 12, 1999. They were: Roy Jackson, Trent Baker, Verbie Sasser, Terry Chandler, Mae Gully, Michael Sams, Hazel Bragg, Justin McClain, Timothy Wilson, Linda Odum, Lunnie Johnson, Lucille Boswell, Dallas Kilpatrick, Clint Bradshaw, Ella Robinson, Charlie Ennis, Ella Hudson, Cecil Atkins, Michael Sams, Hazel Bragg, Justin Simmons, Rhonda Yates, Ida Mae Hooks, Grady McWaters, Curbie Bell, Trudie Jackson, Kevin Allen, Tory Morris, Lula Goodson, Debra Granham, Hollis Wickert, Winnie

James, and Revon Horace.

Persons on-charged during the same time period were: Linda Odum, Revon Horace, Kevin Allen, Winnie James, Hollis Wickert, David Johnson, Corine Williams, Willis James, McClain, Frances Bryan, Jerry Parker, Louise Jernigan, Timothy Wilson, Verbie Sasser, Terry Chandler, Mae Gully, Ella Robinson, Etta Hudson, Dallas Kilpatrick, Roy Jackson, Belinda Nelson, Lunnie Johnson, Trent Baker, Michael Sams, Lucille Boswell, Rhonda Yates, Trent Bradshaw, Justin Simmons, Hazel Bragg, and Trudie Jackson.

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That doesn't mean electric cooperatives will stop testing until the minute the millennium clock rolls over. Likewise, that doesn't mean there won't be problems that night. If there are problems, cooperatives will find them and fix them - just like they do during an ice storm or hurricane. And, of course, there could be weather-related outages that night, as well.

That's why many cooperative managers will be watching television - and monitoring communications of all types - to see if problems of any kind occur as the year changes, from the international date line westward. Extra cooperative work crews will be ready and waiting.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Eagle Forum has become increasingly alarmed over the escalation of the fruitless, harmful and self-destructive war in Yugoslavia into which Clinton has injected the United States. Bill Clinton unilaterally started a war by bombing a sovereign country that has never attacked or even threatened the U.S. or our allies. Clinton admitted it is a war when he designated the U.S. soldiers captured by the Serbs as Prisoners of War.

Following are false arguments for involvement:

"We have to support our troops." The best way to support our troops is to cut off the money and bring the home before more troops are killed or captured. Clinton never should have sent those troops to Macedonia in the first place.

"Clinton tries to justify his bombing by calling them a 'moral imperative'." The humanitarian argument is phony because Clinton's bombing itself precipitated and exacerbated the tragic refugee problem. Clinton's bombing has killed innocent people, destroyed civilian property to no purpose, and united the Serbs behind Milosevic to defend their homeland. The Serbs' response and the consequent refugee problem were completely predictable, our military warned about this in advance. Clinton's bombing was designed to cause misery and arouse the American public to support stationing ground troops in Yugoslavia permanently. Like New York Times columnist A.M. Rosenthal, we are "moved to nausea" when Clinton calls the war against Yugoslavia is "moral" and "the right thing to do."

"Congress authorized Clinton's action in Yugoslavia." That's false; Congress has not passed any approval of Clinton's reckless action. The Senate resolution authorized air operations only, but that was not passed by the House, so it has no legal effect. The House resolution authorized troops ONLY as part of a peacekeeping operation. AFTER peace is agreed by both sides (which never happened), but that was not passed by the Senate, so it has no legal effect.

"Yugoslavia isn't worth an American life, but now the Clinton has put in the war, we have to win it, and that will take 200,000 ground troops." What a terrible proposition! We cannot permit a no-credibility President to illegally plunge us into war, make horrendous mistakes of judgment about the objectives and the strategy, and then impose this obligation on American servicemen and taxpayers.

"We have to intervene in Yugoslavia to maintain our position as world leader." On the contrary, we are being led away from Social Security and, if necessary, for Medicare.

This strong commitment to saving and protecting Social Security has already garnered the support the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and 60 Plus.

In contrast, the Clinton Administration's alternative budget plan would actually spend \$146 billion over the next five years and provides no Social Security reform.

For America's veterans, the Republican budget resolution proposes an unprecedented \$1.1 billion increase in VA health care funding. This contrasts sharply with the Administration's decision not to give any increase to VA health care

next year.

The Republican budget plan is committed to improving America's schools by investing \$2.2 billion next year on quality elementary, secondary, and vocational education. This works out to \$12.2 billion more than Clinton funding for special education, Pell Grants, and State flexibility. Furthermore, the Clinton Administration's budget cuts \$4.6 billion from the federal student loan program, while eliminating the Title VI block grant which gives money to local schools and lets teachers decide how to spend it.

Knowing that Americans should get back some of the money that they overpaid the government, the Republican budget allocates \$15 billion for tax cuts next year and \$800 billion in tax cuts over the next 10 years.

Meanwhile the Clinton Administration's budget calls for \$172 billion in tax increases over the next 10 years to pay for 77 new big government programs. Forty percent of these new tax hikes would fall on the backs of those making under \$25,000 a year.

Worse, our budget plan would accomplish all this and remain within spending limits of the 1997 Balanced Budget Agreement, the Clinton budget raises taxes and still exceeds federal spending limits by \$30 billion.

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LIFESTYLES



Mr. Wyrosdick & Miss Patterson

Miss Patterson and Mr. Wyrosdick announce May wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. William Cecil Patterson of Kinston announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lougen Pearl Patterson, to Jamie Wyrosdick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wyrosdick of the Basin Community.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Bruce and Beatrice Killingsworth of Troy and Willie Pearl Patterson and the late Clinton "CC" Patterson of Kinston. She is a 1992 graduate of Kinston High School and a 1996 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Huntingdon College with a BA degree in secondary education-social sciences. While at Huntingdon, Lougen was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She is also a 1997 graduate of Troy State University Montgomery with a Master's degree in agency counseling and human development. Lougen is currently pursuing her education specialist degree at TSUM. She is employed full time as an executive assistant at Giles Enterprises in Montgomery.

The groom is the grandson of Euna Blair and the late Opie Blair of Basin and Annie Pearl Wyrosdick and the late Garley Wyrosdick of Basin.

The wedding is set for May 15, 1999 at five o'clock in the afternoon at the Kinston First Baptist Church with a reception immediately following the ceremony.

No local invitations are being sent, but all friends and family are invited to attend.

Coffee County Pageants scheduled for April 25th at Elba High School

Coffee County Pageants have been set for April 25 at Elba High School. The age divisions are as follows: Future Little Miss, 4-6; Little Miss, 1st graders only; Petite Miss, 7-12; Teen Miss, 13-16; Miss, 17-21. Entry forms are available at all schools in Coffee County and all children clothing stores and formal wear stores in the area. This is a preliminary to the National Peanut Festival pageant. There will be a meeting on March 18 at the Comfort Inn in Enterprise at 4 p.m. for all interested contestants.

Deadline to enter is April 5, 1999. Coffee County Pageants also invites all former Coffee County queens to the pageant to be recognized.

New Arrival

WILLIAM GARRETT LARUE



William Garrett LaRue

Wayne and Julie (Holliday) LaRue announce the birth of their son, William Garrett LaRue, on March 21, 1999. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Leon and Faye Holliday, New Brockton and Bill and Bernice LaRue of Bassett, Arkansas.

William Garrett was welcomed home by his proud big sister, Wesley, age 8.



Rachel Lyndsey Tatom

Rachel Tatom selected Little Miss Kindergarten at CCA

Rachel Lyndsey Tatom, age 5, daughter of Tommy and Dadelma Tatom of Lufkin, was selected as Little Miss Kindergarten at the K-3, K-4 and K-5 contest at Crenshaw Christian Academy in Lufkin on March 20, 1999.

Rachel is the granddaughter of Joe and Martha Hudson of Lufkin and Leah Hudson of Lufkin.

AL Assn. of Conservation Districts Aux. to award scholarships

The Alabama Association of Conservation Districts Auxiliary announces the availability of two \$1,000 scholarships. The objective of the AACD Auxiliary Scholarship is to provide financial aid to students in their second year majoring in agriculture and/or soil and water related fields. To be eligible the applicant (a) must be in last quarter/semester of the second year to enable him/her to file application for said scholarship; (b) must be in good standing with college; (c) must be active in student affairs and/or show leadership abilities; (d) must show reasonable financial need; (e) must be full-time student carrying a minimum of 15 quarter hours per quarter or its equivalent in semester hours per semester; (f) must be a U.S. citizen and permanent resident of the State of Alabama.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District at 334-894-5581, Extension 3 or come by the office at the Coffee County Agricultural Center in New Brockton. All applications are due in Montgomery no later than June 1, 1999.

Retired Teachers to meet

The Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet at Ryan's Steakhouse in Enterprise on Tuesday, April 20, at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Mr. Joe Cassidy, Attorney at Law.

Brunson reunion set for Saturday

The 146th Annual Brunson Reunion will be held this Saturday, April 17, at the Elba Elementary School Lunchroom. This is the first time ever that this historic reunion will be held on Saturday.

Believed to be the oldest tradition in Coffee County, it began in 1853 when Matthew Brunson and Sarah Blanchard moved their family here.

Four hundred relatives from several states are expected to be in attendance.

Sons of the American Revolution to have luncheon

A luncheon meeting of members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, is scheduled for noon April 15 in Pot-Folk Restaurant in Enterprise.

President Richard A. Kemp said members will discuss activities completed for the George Washington Bicentennial Community Program headed in Coffee County by SAR members and members of the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Prospective members are welcome to attend the meeting. Membership is open to all men who are descended from a Revolutionary War patriot who supported the colonies between 1775-1781. For more information, contact Kemp at 774-9965, John R. Wallace at 347-0661 or Myron Vail at 684-2397.

AARP to meet Tuesday, April 20th at 6 p.m.

Elba AARP Chapter will meet Tuesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at the St. Center for a covered dish dinner and regular monthly meeting.

The April program focuses on home modification and repairs for seniors. A video, "Why Move? Improve" will be shown.

Plans for a Home Modification Workshop and Exhibit during AARP's Independent Living Week, May 1-8 will be discussed at the meeting. Common modifications such as adding lighting and replacing knob faucets with levers, adding hand rails or grab bars, can reduce the stress associated with aging and help prevent accidents, fall injuries, withdrawal from social activities and premature institutionalization.

AARP's Connections for Independent Living Program recognizes that Older Americans want to stay in charge of their lives as they age and home modification information is designed to assist them.

If you are 50 or older, you are invited to become a member of the Elba AARP. Bring a covered dish and come to the April meeting.

L.G. and Laura Weeks celebrate Anniversary

L.G. and Laura Weeks of Montgomery, formerly of Elba, celebrated 45 years of life together on April 3, 1999.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks were joined in celebration at their home by their children—Lori (Weeks) and Tony Swindall, Jan (Weeks) and Bill Murray, and Scott and Wendy Weeks. Five grandchildren, Kimberlin, Jacob, Cody Quinton and Taylor, also celebrated with Maw Maw and Granddaddy.

The Weeks' received several gifts and cards of love from their family and close friends. Mr. Weeks presented the love of his life with an angel statue for his angel of 45 years.

First annual Old Fashion County Fair and Sausage Festival planned

We have a family day full of food and "old time" fun, tug-of-war, greased pole climbing and many other activities that were so much a part of the early county fairs. Women are invited to show their skills in our recipe cook-off and for the men we have a car show. As always, arts and crafts will be a big part of the day. It will be held at the Heart of Dixie Music Park, 4 miles west of Elba on Highway 166. Please contact Kaye Whitworth, Elba Chamber of Commerce, 334-897-3125 for additional information.

Auction set for April 17th

In conjunction with Band Day '99, the Elba Band Boosters will hold a public auction on the front steps of the courthouse. A multitude of items and services are being donated by local merchants and will be auctioned off by Ronnie Vaughan. Items will be on display in front of the courthouse at 12:30 p.m., and the auction will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 17. In addition to the auction, Band Day '99 will feature a wide variety of entertainment, concessions, carnival games, bingo, and many other activities for all ages. All proceeds from the day's events will directly benefit the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band.

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Bluff Springs Revival Services planned for April 28 - 30

Revival at Bluff Spring Church on County Road 304 will be held April 28-30 at 7 p.m. with Rev. Hubert McWaters preaching. Everyone is invited to attend.

Revival Services to be held April 25-27 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Revival at Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be held April 25-27 with Rev. Elbert Smith preaching. The Sunday service will begin at 6 p.m. with the services on Monday and Tuesday nights beginning at 7 p.m. Mt. Zion is located at 5 p.m. Please call Vanessa Allen at 897-5367 or Lynn Goodwin at 393-4366 if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is April 22.

Mustard Seed Foundation Church to hear The Williamson Family in concert

The Williamson Family will perform at Mustard Seed Foundation Church on Saturday, April 17, at 7 p.m. The church is located on Coffee County Road 211 in the Victoria Community. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel Singing set for this Saturday night at Shiloh Baptist Church

A Gospel Singing is planned at Shiloh Baptist Church for this Saturday night, April 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Gospel Valley Boys will be the guest group singing.

C.C. Baptist Association to sponsor Youth Bible Study

The Coffee County Baptist Association will sponsor a Youth North American Mission Study on Saturday, April 24, from 2-6 p.m. at the Coffee Baptist Church. Joel Jackson will lead the study. All you and leaders are invited to be a part of the NAMS. Pizza will be served at 5 p.m. Please call Vanessa Allen at 897-5367 or Lynn Goodwin at 393-4366 if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is April 22.

"Singspiration" to be held at Marvin Chapel April 24

Marvin Chapel Assembly of God in Coffee Springs, Ala. will host "Singspiration" on Saturday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Featured singers include: Clint Anderson; Audrey Clark; Maudie Gingers; Goodman Trio; Kaye Clark, Faye Thames, Shirley Bowdoin; Lisa Longworth; Janita Norwood; Amy Parrish; Jan Smith and Marvin Chapel Singers. A special offering will be taken to assist Missionaries Rev. & Mrs. Maryann Davis in building a church in Pune, India.

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BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Marvin Emis, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.	HAY HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even. Service: 7:30 p.m.
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Scripture: Daniel 2:31-36
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April Birthdays: Marlar R. Rileaux - April 10; Marcus Kelley - April 10; Michael Manning - April 12.

***Youth Revival at the Rocky Head Baptist Church in Elba will be held April 21-24 at 7 p.m. each night. Evangelists will be Rev. L.P. Carter and there will be special guests each night.

***St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Glenwood will hold its Family and Friends Day Celebration this Sunday, April 18, at 4 p.m. Speakers will be Rev. Lionel Davis Sr., pastor of St. John M.B. Church in Lufkin and Woodford Avenue Community Church in Lufkin.

***First Pastor's Anniversary for Rev. L.P. Carter and the First Lady Sis. Denise Carter at Jordan Grove Baptist Church in Searight, Ala., will be this Sunday, April 18.

***Annual Youth Revival at Nazareth Baptist Church will be April 19-23 at 7 p.m. each night. Evangelists for the week will be Rev. Willie Peterson with special guests each night of the revival.

***24th Annual Session of the Mulberry Baptist Usher and Choir Union will be at the Educational Building on New Highway 84 on Thursday, April 22. Rev. J.G. Chatham will be the moderator. The morning session will begin at 10 a.m.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History for April Timeline: 1915: Jack Johnson becomes the first African American to be crowned heavyweight champion in boxing.

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Christopher Parrish, age 5, is the grandson of Michael and Bernice Parrish of Elba.



Emilee Hudson, age 2, is the daughter of Tim and Michelle Hudson of Elba.



David Bryant, age 2, is the son of Michael and Liz Bryant of Elba.



Amanda Reeves, age 15 months, is the daughter of Larry and Cindy Reeves of Elba.



Tyler Jerome Berry, age 2 1/2, is the son of Stacey and Rocky Berry of Elba.



Logan, age 7 months, is the son of Robin Davis Teal of Elba.



Ashton Davis, age 5, and Mason Davis, age 4, are the sons of Robin Davis Teal and Mark Davis of Elba.



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Brandon Arnold, age 13, and Kelli Arnold, age 5, are the children of Donna Arnold of Troy.



Ashley Carnley, age 11, and Lindsey Carnley, age 5, are the daughters of Mike and Cindy Carnley of Elba.



Khaleb Kelley, age 4, and Timia Kelley, age 7 months, are the children of Alice Hammonds and Timothy Kelley of Enterprise.



Hannah Faith Whitman, age 4 months, is the daughter of Marc and Jennifer Whitman of Elba.



Brittany Nicole Arnette, age 7, is the daughter of Linda and Wesley Arnette of Elba.



Aaron Harrelson, age 12, Seth Hanchey, age 5, and Avery Hanchey, age 1, are the sons of Greg and Lisa Hanchey of Elba.



Elizabeth Weeks, age 11, and Paige Weeks, age 19 months, are the daughters of Doug and Ida Weeks of Elba.



Taylor Elizabeth Hudson, age 4, and Sheldon Lee Hudson, age 6 weeks, are the children of Keith and Hope Hudson of New Brockton.



Tanner Horton, age 15 months, is the son of Dana Hoggess and Jason Horton of Elba.



Jordan Williams, age 5, and Brinley Williams, age 3, are the children of Chuck and Christie Williams of Elba.



Jesi Johnson, age 9, and Jodi Farris, age 14 months, are the children of Donnie and Rene Farris of Elba.



Shelby Kelley, age 5, is the daughter of Michael and Hollie Kelley of Elba.



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Jesse Oglesby, age 9, and Morgan Oglesby, age 6, are the sons of Arlene Oglesby of Elba.



Jon Ashley Amison, age 3 1/2, and Kenneth Neil Amison, age 8 months, are the sons of Mike and Starla Amison of Elba.



Kyle Pope, age 7, and Justin Pope, age 3, are the sons of Don and Sandy Pope of Elba.



Riley Nicole Boothe, age 11 months, is the daughter of Michael and Rita Boothe of Elba.



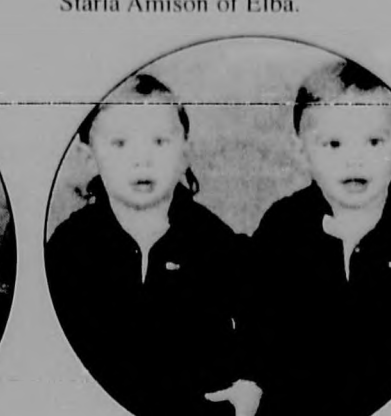
Shelby Sorrells, age 3, is the daughter of Michael and Lynn Sorrells of New Brockton.



BreAnn Austin, age 5, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Austin of Enterprise.



Kyle Purvis, age 9, and Kayla Purvis, age 6, are the children of Freddy and Janet Purvis of Elba.



Jaxsen Mosley, age 20 months, and Jordan Mosley, age 20 months, are the sons of David and Jane Mosley of Elba.



Autumn Jones, age 2, and Brookelin Jones, age 9 months, are the daughters of Michael and Donna Jones of Elba.



Bethany Wilson, age 5, and Bradley Wilson, age 8, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Wilson of Elba.



Mary Brunson, age 2, and Matthew Brunson, age 9, are the children of Matt and Stephanie Brunson of Elba.



Bethany McWaters, age 6, Dustin McWaters, age 4, and Hunter Cauley, age 8, are the children of Tammy McWaters and John Cauley Jr. of New Brockton.



Nikki Harper, age 10, and Bo Wiggins, age 5, are the children of Debbie Saddle of Elba.



Jarret Johnson, age 3 1/2, is the son of Sandy Johnson of Elba.



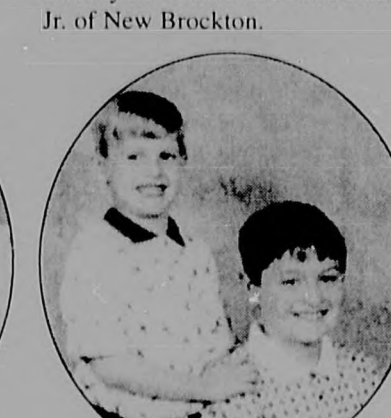
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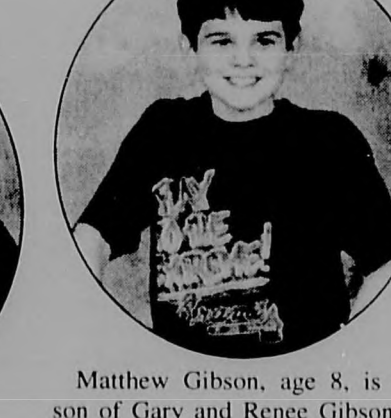
Jonathan Kelley, age 7, Reagan Kelley, age 2, and Clay Kelley, age 4 months, are the children of Troy and April Kelley of Elba.



Caleb Bannin, age 8, and Daniel Bannin, age 5, are the sons of Vickie and Harold Bannin of Elba.



Chris Pike, age 14, Amber Pike, age 10, and Justin Pike, age 8, are the children of Terry and Donna Pike of Elba.



Matthew Gibson, age 8, is the son of Gary and Renee Gibson of Elba.



Lindsey Smith, age 5, and Garrett Smith, age 3, are the children of Dennis and Nancy Smith of Elba.



Juan Starks, age 10, and Tierney Starks, age 8, are the children of Rev. and Mrs. James Starks Jr. of Elba.



Blake Johnson, age 20 months, is the son of Bob and Tara Johnson of Elba.



Blaine Hudson, age 11 months, is the son of Troy and Susan Hudson of Elba.



Austin Johnson, age 4, and Chance Johnson, age 2, are the sons of Glen and Kerry Johnson of Elba.



Heather Harper, age 10, Bo Wiggins, age 5, and Becky Stinson, age 11, are the children of Debbie Saddle of Elba.



Stephanie Hanchey, age 9, and Carrie Hanchey, age 5, are the daughters of Tina and Freddy Hanchey of Elba.



Thomas Cole, age 5, is the son of Steven and Kathryn Cole of Elba, and Yoquesha Terry is the daughter of Kathryn Cole and Adrian Terry of Elba.

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By Ricky Mularz

It's ball season at the Mularz house, and that means that it is time to keep plenty of bread in the kitchen, sandwich meat in the refrigerator and frozen foods in the freezer. With Melissa playing ball at least two afternoons a week, and Melanie now practicing ball a night or two, there never seems to be enough time to cook a real meal for the kids or ourselves. Thank goodness the kids will eat sandwiches, and know how to use the microwave!

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY....

*** The Elba Tigers will be under the guidance of their fourth head football coach in the past six years when the 1999 season rolls along, and this season the man walking the sidelines with the Tigers will be Julius Head. Head has coached both in the private school and public school ranks for the past 27 years, with his greatest success coming as the head man at Arnton. Head will inherit a Tiger team down in numbers, down in confidence, and facing a five-game stretch at the beginning of the '99 season that would test any team, regardless of class. One thing for certain, the new Elba coach will get a big dose of reality very quickly!

*** The Elba Tiger baseball team clinched the Class 3A, Area 3 title last week with a big win over Luverne, and in doing so earned itself the home-field advantage in the upcoming state playoffs. The Tigers have struggled at times this season and are far from being a powerhouse; however, they did do what it took to win the area title and will play to win when the playoffs get underway. With a win late in the week over 5A Carroll of Ozark, maybe the Tigers are finally figuring out they might be a little better than even they thought. With the beginning of the state playoffs only two weeks away, Elba might actually be peaking. Couldn't come at a better time.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers dropped three of four games last week in softball action and then posted a 2-2 mark in the Sweet Swingers tournament to see their record for the season slide to 11-8. The Lady Tigers just didn't quite get the job done in narrow losses to Luverne and Andalusia, but battled through four games in a six-hour span in the tournament last weekend during the hottest part of the day, and never once showed any signs of giving up. If the girls will play with that same determination for the remainder of the season, and improve both in the field and at the plate, they could pull off another winning record. The remainder of the schedule looks pretty tough on paper, however, and it will take the best the girls have got to keep on winning.

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation hosted its fifth annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic last weekend at Hawkins-Williams Park, and it was great to see a large crowd on hand late in the tournament still hanging around to support their teams. Kinston, Samson and G.W. Long were the final three teams left in the annual softball tournament, and their fans were very vocal in their support until the final out of each and every game. It is that kind of support that makes the kids play harder, even when they are hot and tired.

G.W. Long lost its first game of the tournament and then won seven straight to take home the tournament title, and had to defeat Samson twice to claim the crown. The Lady Rebels have been one of South Alabama's top teams for years, and showed why they are big winners last weekend with their never-say-die attitude. It was another very exciting tournament, and the first ever that didn't get one single drop of rain.

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will begin its youth baseball and softball seasons next week, and no matter how you look at it and try to work out a schedule, it is obvious that the recreation program in Elba has outgrown its existing fields. At least one additional baseball field is needed at Legion Field, while another softball field and at least one tee-ball field are needed at Hawkins-Williams Park. The continuing improvements at the Mulberry Park might help a little with the overcrowding, but even it would only be a temporary solution to a long range problem.

I'm sure the City officials realize the importance of recreation for the youth of our community, and will make some long range plans to make improvements to the parks that are now in use, and construct new fields as funds permit.

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With big 17-7 win over Luverne

Tigers clinch 3A, Area 3 title

The Elba Tigers wrapped up the Class 3A, Area 3 baseball championship last week by pounding the Luverne Tigers 17-7, in Luverne.

The win improved the Tigers' record to 8-7, 3-0 in area action, and

gave Elba the home field advantage in the 3A playoffs.

Josh Hodge singled in two runs in the opening inning as the Tigers jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead, but Luverne was ready to play and after

Coach Lowery states area crown will create changes in line-up for Tigers as end of regular season draws near

The Elba Tigers wrapped up the Class 3A, Area 3 title last week with a big road win over Luverne, and Tigers' Coach David Lowery stated later in the week that his team was finally beginning to show signs of consistency both at the plate and in the field.

"The win in Luverne was big because it gave us the area title and the home field advantage in the playoffs," said Lowery, "but the win in the second game over Carroll may have been one of our biggest wins of the season. It was a win on the road against a very good baseball team, and it showed that we did indeed have more than one pitcher and could hit the ball when we needed to."

"Our pitching is getting better week by week," added Coach Lowery. "Our pitchers are throwing strikes, and Josh Hodge really pitched well against Carroll. He worked around some errors that kept the game close, and was in control of his pitches the entire seven innings. Our defense still needs to improve, but our hitting was good last week and we hit the ball pretty well against some good pitchers."

"Winning the area so early really doesn't let a coach make a lot of changes," said Lowery, "but we will work on the pitching rotation to make certain our best are able to go in the opening round. We will also try to get in some of the players that haven't seen much action late in the season, and at the same time try to play well and be on a roll heading into the playoffs."

Julius Head named head football coach at Elba High

Julius Head, a 27-year coaching veteran, including 23 years in the coaching ranks in Alabama, has been named as the new head football coach at Elba High School.

Head will replace David Sikes, who resigned after two years at the Elba helm, and will become the fourth head football coach for the Elba Tigers in the past six years.

It was announced at last week's school board meeting at which Head was hired that over the past twenty years the new Tiger coach had coached at Daleville, Coffee Springs, Arnton and Goshen.

Head will conduct spring training at Elba in late April and early May.

Baseball at Legion Field, with Girls and Softball, Boys Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch Baseball to be played at Hawkins-Williams Park.

Complete schedules for all youth and adult leagues will be published beginning next week.

Games set for Monday include Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL
Baseball * Softball * Golf
SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

Friday, April 16

Elba at Brantley 4:00

Monday, April 19

Elba at Opp 4:00

Tuesday, April 20

New Brockton at Elba 4:00

Thursday, April 22

G.W. Long at Elba 5:00

SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 15

Elba at Goshen (2) 4:00

Friday, April 16

Elba in Samson Tournament

Saturday, April 17

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Thursday, April 22

Opp at Elba (2) 4:00

GOLF

Thursday, April 15

Elba at Troy 1:00

Thursday, April 22

Elba, at home 1:00

two innings of action had cut the Tigers' advantage to 5-3.

Elba was ready to take command in the third inning, and did just that as the Tigers plated 7 runs to grab a big 12-3 lead! Elba loaded the bases with no outs as Bradley Bowers and Derrick Duncan both singled, followed by a walk to Eric Jordan.

Kevin Dodd delivered a one-out single that knocked in a pair of runs, and after an RBI single by Dustin Stinson, Brandon Salter drew a walk to again load the bases. Josh Hodge lined a single to left that was misplayed by the Luverne outfielder, and everyone raced home as Elba took command.

The Tigers added two runs in the

Hodge pitches Elba to split in doubleheader against 5A Carroll Eagles of Ozark

The Elba Tigers traveled to Ozark on Thursday night for a double-header against the 5A Carroll Eagles, and rebounded from a 12-2 setback in the opener to upset the Eagles 9-7 in the nightcap to earn a split of the twin bill.

Following are highlights of the double-header action:

CARROLL 12
ELBA 2

The Elba Tigers saw an early 1-0 lead quickly vanish as the Carroll Eagles scored early and often to post a 12-2 win, in the opening game of the double-header.

Dustin Stinson walked, stole second and scored on an RBI single by Brandon Salter to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead in the top of the first; however, the Eagles did most of the scoring from there on out as they plated runs in each of the first four innings to take a 10-1 lead. Elba scored in the top of the fifth when Adam Brookins walked, moved to second on a passed ball and scored on a single by Dustin Stinson. It was too little, too late, however, as the Eagles kept beating the ball around the park and claimed the 12-2 win.

Bradley Bowers took the mound for Elba and pitched 4 innings and allowed 13 hits.

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CARROLL 7

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Carroll rallied to pull even at 6-6 in the bottom of the fifth, only to see Elba bounce right back with another three spot in the sixth to regain the lead at 9-6. Lead off walks to Derrick Duncan and Bradley Bowers ignited the sixth inning fireworks, with keys hits being an RBI single by Britt Grimes and a two-run double by Pete Manning. The eagles scored once in the bottom of the seventh to pull within 9-7, but Elba's Josh Hodge refused to let

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SPORTS

Place 5th in high school softball tourney

Elba Lady Tigers win two, lose two in Sweet Swingers

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the fifth annual Sweet Swingers High School Softball Classic, last weekend at Hawkins-Williams Park, and posted two wins and two losses to place fifth in the ten team event.

The Lady Tigers opened the tournament with wins over B.T. Washington 16-10 and Calhoun 16-2, but then were eliminated after losses to Kinston 9-7 and G.W. Long 13-9.

Following are tournament highlights:

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B.T.W. 10

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Azalea Garden Club Home and Garden Tour enjoyed by all



Jimmy Harrison is showing figurines received as a gift while on a trade mission to S. Africa.



Betty Vaughan and Carol Jackson enjoy sitting in the garden of Bickley Cottage.

The Azalea Garden Club hosted a tour of the home and gardens of Bickley Cottage, located at 717 Buford Street Saturday, April 10. Bickley Cottage is the former Deal house and was built in 1927. The home was renovated in 1997 by current owners Jimmy Harrison and Al Baxter Jr.

The tour was a fund-raiser for the club.

Local student earns academic honors at UWA

D'unray Peterson of Elba was recently named to the University of West Alabama Dean's List for the 1999 Winter Quarter.

C.C. Veterans Affairs office to be closed April 12-16

Coffee County Veterans Affairs Office will be closed the week of April 12-16, 1999. Will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 19. For assistance with a claim, call 1-800-827-1000, VA Regional Office in Montgomery. For medical emergency, call 1-800-214-8387 which will connect you to either VAMC Tuskegee or VAMC Montgomery.

BAND DAY

HAPPENINGS

Preparations made for Band Day '99

Elba Band Day '99 is shaping up to be the biggest and best ever! Entertainment, carnival games, concessions, and auction items are being added daily to the day's already overflowing list of events.

Coca Cola will be providing a concession wagon where Elba Band Boosters will be selling Coke products, hamburgers, hotdogs, and other concessions. In addition to food and fun, some of the area's finest entertainers are scheduled to appear. Included in the lineup are many area music groups, dance groups, church groups, and the Elba Elementary High School and Jazz Bands. To add to the day's attractions, many area merchants have donated auction items to be offered up for bids starting at 1 p.m., and many arts and crafts are being added daily, including "Accidental Angels" from Geneva, who will be selling special black and gold versions of their popular angel pins in honor of the Marching Tigers. These and many other attractions are planned to make Band Day '99 a fun-filled and entertaining day for all ages. Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, on the Courthouse square in downtown Elba.

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Since the program was enacted in 1972, the amount transferred to the General Fund is approximately \$94 million. There is no statute of limitation for filing a claim, nor is there a charge. All money not claimed by

rightful owners is used by the state in funding services provided by the General Fund until such time as the owner makes a claim. The treasurer's office took in over \$15 million in 1998 and paid claims totaling \$4 million.

"We are working on getting a website set up where we will list the entire database of names," said Lucy Baxley, state treasurer. "Until that is completed, potential owners can call my office at 334/242-9614 or write us to see if their names are on our database."

Springtime bargains abound for Alabama shoppers

Shoppers enjoyed aisle-to-aisle savings at Alabama supermarkets this month as the average cost of 20 basic food items fell 3.9 percent to \$34.96, according to the Alabama Farmers Federation's food price survey conducted March 1-6.

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Smith awarded academic scholarship at UWA

Cynthia Smith of Elba has been chosen to receive an Academic Scholarship from the University of West Alabama according to a recent announcement by the UWA Office of Admissions.

The scholarship was awarded to Smith for outstanding academic performance and above average scores on college entrance examinations. The award is a four-year scholarship.

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Consumer Products Safety Commission conducting recall roundup

For the third year, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is conducting a recall roundup to get hazardous products out of people's homes. Despite recall notices and public warnings, CPSC has found that many products with the potential to seriously injure or kill are still being used by consumers. The Alabama Department of Public Health is among the groups helping publicize the safety campaign on the hazardous products. In some states, recalled products will be rounded up and brought to central locations for disposal.

"People should do some spring cleaning and check their attics and other storage areas for old products that could be hazardous," said CPS Chairman Ann Brown. "We can get dangerous products off store shelves, but the real challenge is to get them out of families' homes."

CPSC has launched this recall roundup by giving out a "Recall List" of products. Some of the hazardous products that might be in consumers' homes are: —Play yards that have protruding rivets that pose a strangulation hazard to toddlers if pacifier strings or loose (or loosely woven) clothing catch on the rivets. CPSC is aware of eight deaths of toddlers who strangled when a string or clothing caught on the playpens' protruding rivets. CPSC obtained voluntary recalls for 9.6 million units of the following play yards/playpens with protruding rivets: Bilt-Rite, Eventlo, Gerry, Graco, Kolcraft, Playskool, Pride-Tribble and

Strolee. To get a repair kit or refund (depending on the brand), people should call 800-794-4115. —Ride-on battery-powered PowerWheels vehicles by Fisher-Price made before October 1998 with electrical components that can overheat and cause fires. CPSC knows of 700 reports of electrical components failing and overheating while the cars and trucks were being ridden, charged, parked or stored. About 150 fires have been reported, and nine children suffered minor burns. Property damage also occurred to 22 houses and garages. In addition, there have been 71 reports of Power Wheels vehicles, not stopping because of this electrical problem. Approximately 10 million products are involved. People should remove the batteries and call Fisher Price on 800-777-7800 or access the company's website at free repair of the Power Wheels vehicles. —Horizontal (under-the-counter) Spacemaker Optima toaster (model T1000) by Black & wwww.powerwheels.com/special/default.htm to get Decker can allow food to catch fire. When the door automatically opens, flames escape and expose cabinets to fire. CPSC knows of 1,066 fires and eight burns. There are 234,000 toasters included in this recall. People can get a free replacement product by calling Black & Decker at 800-746-2159.

—Infant car seat/carer "On My Way" Model 207 and 4

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Brockton Elementary School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

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"A&B" Honor Roll

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Elba peanut producer talks with nation's leaders

(Peanut Leadership Program allows Southeast farmers to convey problems facing their industry to U.S. senators, congressmen)

A local peanut producer joined growers from five southeastern states in the nation's capital to relay problems facing the peanut industry and gather support for legislation to help farmers compete in a global farm economy.

Dennis Smith, Elba, took part in the Peanut Leadership Program, a united effort between peanut producers from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia. The program is a joint venture between Zeneca Ag Products and grower associations from the Southeast.

As part of the three-day program in the nation's capital, officials of various state departments and ag interest groups briefed growers on current legislation and policy affecting agriculture. Growers also spent an afternoon visiting congressmen and U.S. senators from their respective states to relay issues and policy adversely affecting their profitability.

The unique program is a cooperative effort of growers, ag extension leaders and private industry designed to develop future leaders among peanut growers by giving them a better understanding of the numerous groups and efforts that comprise the peanut industry. Organizers of the program hope participants can, in turn, educate their peanut-producing neighbors about the industry and show them how best to have their concerns heard and addressed.

"It was extremely beneficial to have the nation's leaders here in Washington, D.C., see the faces and hear the voices of these growers and learn firsthand the difficulties they face in trying to remain viable as producers," says Randy Griggs, executive director of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association. "They really made an impact on the congressmen and senators."



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able cost to the county. It was noted that under state law, the speed limit on all county roads is 45 m.p.h. unless otherwise posted.

Turning to other business, Ken Ball, assistant area administrator with the state health department, addressed the commission concerning the adoption of a local fee bill for services now being provided at "no-charge."

He told commissioners that Coffee County was the only county within a 10-county area that did not have a local fee bill.

Ball explained that the county does not charge for services such as septic tank permits and installation inspections, immunizations, and health permits for eating establishments.

He noted that charges for these services could possibly generate between \$35,000 and \$40,000 annually.

According to Ball, the local health department is currently operating at an annual deficit of \$80,000. The Balanced Budget Act of 1996 caused a loss of \$1.8 million in its budget.

Ball explained that a resolution

passed by the commission favoring a local fee bill would be required before the legislation could be enacted. The commissioners passed the resolution by a vote of 5 to 1 with 1 abstention.

A work session to establish a fee schedule will be held by the commissioners in the near future. The State Department of Public Health sets a maximum fee that can be charged by the county on each service provided by the department.

No services provided by the local health department will be denied to anyone lacking the ability to pay.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

***Awarded the bid for geotextiles (silk fence and filter fabric used along side the roadway at construction sites) to Comtech Construction Products of Tallahassee, Fla. Their bid was \$26 per square yard.

***Set the length of terms of those individuals appointed to the Coffee County Water Authority. They are as follows: Austin Mixon and Cliff Offenberg - 2 years; Dale Moseley and Dr. James Paulk - 4 years; and Leo Brown, Al Britt and Darren Smith - 6 years.

Elba Elementary School Menu April 19-23, 1999

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday	Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday	Fish Burger, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday	Pancakes w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday	Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday	Biscuits, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday	Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, Cheese
Thursday	Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday	Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Potato Wedges, Peach half, Milk
Friday	Cheese Grits, Cereal, Toast/Uelly, Juice, Milk	Friday	Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk

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George Washington (in costume) read to and visited with children during a children's story hour sponsored by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also throughout the week, the public library has held its annual book sale and overdue books have been available for return without a late fee being charged.

Although reading is the most common associate of the library, Doggett said the Internet has been a big part of this year's National Library Week.

"We have been showing classes our home page on the Internet, as well as, the websites of different

authors and illustrators of children's books," she said. "There is so much up-to-date information on the Internet that it has become just as important to libraries as books and encyclopedias."

And, the importance of the Internet to libraries is obvious if by nothing more than its presence in the national logo for National Library Week. **Read! Learn! Connect!**

To me, National Library Week is a time we can stop and say thanks to everyone for their support of our program here at Elba High School whether it be the teachers, students, school board members, the central

office, the media, or the parents," said Calhoun. "All these groups combined is what makes our program and programs throughout the nation a success."

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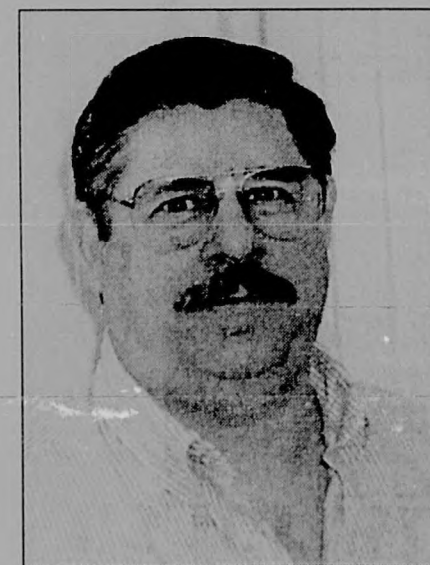
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BOARD APPROVES 1999-2000 SCHOOL CALENDAR

County BOE replacing portables

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The monthly meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was a little late in getting started last Thursday but with the late arrival of a fourth member a quorum was met and the rather lengthy meeting began.

Getting started on a positive note, the board recognized five foster grandparents who are part of a program that assists student and teachers at Project Independence located in New Brockton. The grandparents were commended by the board for the work they do and were presented a plaque in recognition for the invaluable service they provide.

Those individuals honored were as follows: Gladys Barefoot, Lena Harris, Wallace Belcher, Leo Henderson, and William Herrington. Mrs. Harris has been a part of the program for more than 17 years.

In the absence of the school architect, Bill Wallace, County School Superintendent Rodger Bowden, gave the board an update on plans to replace the portable classrooms in the county system with permanent structures.

He told board members that all surveys (architectural and engineering) had been completed and that some good news was that the septic tanks and field lines will pose no problem to the construction of classrooms on the Zion Chapel and New Brockton campuses. The only remaining test to be performed is soil testing at the proposed construction sites.

Bowden said that \$992,000 had been released to the county by the state from the bond issue passed by the state legislature in 1998 to be used to fund the building project. He commented that Coffee County received the full amount asked for which was partially due to the fact that it would be funding all new facilities and not in repairing existing classrooms.

Several other school systems throughout the state had been approved to receive only a percentage (about 25 percent) of what they had asked for.

The plans for the 12 classrooms - six at Zion Chapel Elementary and six at New Brockton Elementary - will be finalized and hopefully construction will begin in the very near future. Bowden hopes to have children in the new classrooms by next Spring.

Bowden shared with board members a letter he had received from the Alabama National Guard concerning the proposed construction of a new baseball field at Zion Chapel.

There were several questions about the requirements (such as providing liability insurance, fuel, equipment repair, etc.) set forth in

the letter that would have to be satisfied "before" the site preparation could be done by guardsmen during summer camp.

After several minutes of discussion, it was decided to table the matter until the final plans for the field's construction were received from the county engineer. At that time, further discussion, and a decision as to what course of action the board will take on the baseball field will be made.

In presenting the suggested school calendar for 1999-2000, Dr. Linda Ingram reported on a recent survey of the modified school calendar presently being used by the school system. The survey was conducted in all three schools in the system with questionnaires being filled out by students, teachers and parents.

"Overwhelmingly, it appears that the people like the modified calendar used this past year," said Dr. Ingram.

She gave the board a brief synopsis of the survey results (1405 responses were received).

The percentages of those favoring the modified calendar ranged from 91 plus to 96 plus percent. Parents returning the questionnaires favored continuing the modified plan into the next school term by 90.58 percent. Students (grades 9 through 12) followed their parents' lead with 90.98 percent stamp of approval.

Faculty members favor the new calendar in 1999-2000, will receive \$108,615.15 in addition to the \$46,000 reserve.

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The board adjourned with next month's meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 1999, in the conference room located in the Central Office in Elba.

One of Dr. Ingram's concerns with the new calendar was that the shortened summer break would present a problem to students seeking or holding a summer job; however, according to the survey, this has not or will not cause any significant problems.

A shorter Christmas break has been suggested but to do so would effect spring break in an adverse manner. Ingram explained the shift would cause the county's spring break to not coincide with other schools.

Board members asked Dr. Ingram and Supt. Bowden what affect the modified calendar had had on discipline, test scores and attendance if any.

Both Ingram and Bowden agreed that it was too early to tell what impact it had had in these areas; however, information and data is being compiled in order to make

that observation. Bowden did say that he had seen a difference in discipline in that he has had fewer referrals from principals concerning disciplinary problems.

The board adopted the 1999-2000 modified school calendar with only a few minor changes from this year's calendar.

Tom Moates, county school system's textbook coordinator, gave a report and recommendation to the board from the textbook committee.

He said members of the committee have been studying samples of textbooks for social studies, foreign language and music since November of last year.

Moates commented that the state educational department's goal is to change textbooks or get new books at least every six years, and in most cases in less time than that.

He said that the entire social studies curriculum, K thru 12, has been completely revamped from the present one.

Financially, the county is in good shape to purchase new textbooks for the students Moates reported.

"In 1998-99 the state allotment was \$108,000 plus," he said. "We spent \$64,000 of that leaving us a balance of \$46,000 plus which is real good."

He told board members that the textbook allotment per child is \$52.50 which means the system, with a projected enrollment of 2,068 students in 1999-2000, will receive \$108,615.15 in addition to the \$46,000 reserve.

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Other actions taken by the board were as follows:

***Approved out-of-state travel for the Kinston High School band. The band will be making a "fun trip" to Milton Florida for two days (May 21 & 22) of camping, canoeing, etc.

***Kinston Elementary's sixth grade students will travel to Panama

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Area Happenings

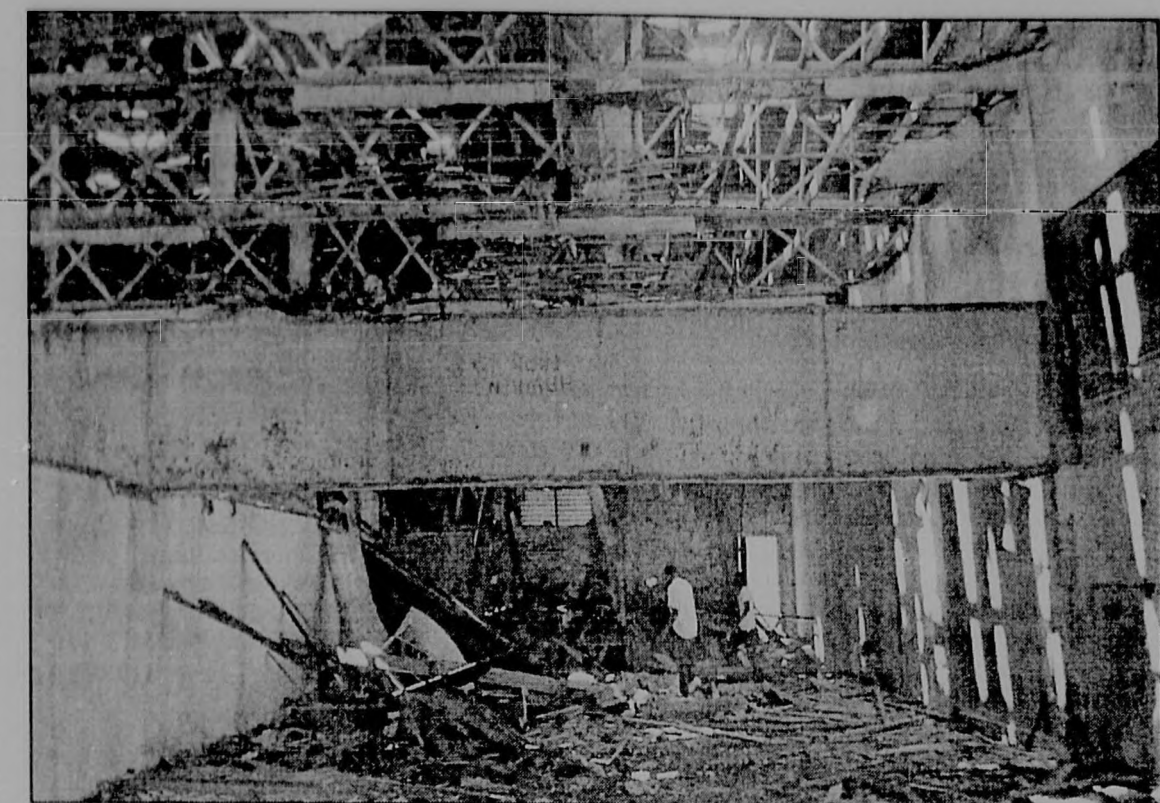
COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

COFFEE COUNTY ADC MEETING. The Coffee County Unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference will meet Saturday, April 24, 1999, at 10 a.m. at The Chapel Hill Mortuary (formerly Little Tank's Place) on Daleville Avenue in Enterprise. All members and other interested persons are asked to be present and on time. For more information call Beatrice Brooks at 347-0918 or Robert Hooks at 347-8440.

NEW BROCKTON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Kindergarten registration for the 1999-2000 school year will be held at New Brockton Elementary School on Tuesday, April 27, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Children must be five years old on or before September 2, 1999 to attend Kindergarten. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and Alabama Immunization records. Children are encouraged to attend the registration with their parents. In order to adequately prepare for the new school year, it is important for each child to be registered. For more information, please call the school office at 894-6152.

KINSTON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Kinston Elementary School will hold Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, April 28 from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. The child being registered must be 5-years-old on or before September 2, 1999 in order to attend. Please bring your child and the following information to registration: birth certificate, immunization forms, Social Security card, proof of residence (utility bill, apartment/home lease, etc.). It is important to note that students and parent(s)/guardian must reside in Coffee County. Hearing, vision and speech screening will be provided.

ZION CHAPEL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. Zion Chapel Elementary School will hold Kindergarten registration on Thursday, April 29, from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Parents will need to bring the child's birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization records and proof of residence.



LONG OVERDUE. The old theatre building located on the square in downtown Elba has been an eyesore since the March '90 flood. The building was recently purchased by Jesse Clements, owner of Clements' Furniture which is located on the square. When asked what his plans for the building were, he replied, "Right now, I just want to clean it up. I don't have any immediate plans for the building." He did say that he was going to put a roof on the structure to protect it from any further damage from the elements. Workers started last week "gutting" the building and making it safe to work in.

Elba Chamber of Commerce members served breakfast by elected officials

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a members breakfast on Friday morning, April 16th. The group met at First Baptist Church with State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer.

Holley thanked Spicer for being cooperative on projects of mutual interest; talked about projected highway improvements, including

tional funding; also his and Holley's successful efforts to reopen

Holley responded to questions about his negative literacy vote with a laugh and hope it doesn't hamper progress on Highway 84.



NEW BUILDINGS EVERYWHERE. New buildings (and building renovations) are being constructed in several locations in Elba. The one pictured above has been completed and the new owner plans to be in and open for business Monday. Gary Gibson recently purchased Customized Cleaners and after doing so, constructed a new facility to house the business. For many years the cleaners has been located on North Claxton Avenue. During the weekend, Gibson plans to move to the new location at 735 Dixon Street (between Cook Chevrolet and Winham's) and be up and running Monday. The new modern facility features a drive-in window.

Elba Work Release inmates provide many hours of community service

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Department of Corrections inmates from the Elba Work Release provided more than 1,500 hours of service on various community projects during the month of March.

A total of 194 inmates worked for 1,552 hours on projects in Elba, Enterprise, Daleville, Kinston and New Brockton, according to information released by Dwayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Agencies requesting the assistance of the work release were the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, Elba National Guard, Elba Police Department, Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise National Guard, Daleville National Guard, Elba High School, City of Daleville, Town of Kinston and the New Brockton Police Department.

Of these 11 agencies, the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, City of Daleville, Town of Kinston and the New Brockton Police Dept. were assisted by 101 inmates in general labor projects. The 17 inmates used by the Town of Kinston also helped with garbage pick up. 73 inmates assisted the Elba National Guard, Elba Police Dept., Enterprise National Guard and Daleville National Guard. The Elba,

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NOTICE

The Coffee County Auburn Club will hold its Spring Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 1999 at the Elba High School Cafeteria. A barbeque dinner, catered by J & T's restaurant will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Auburn Athletic Director David Housel. For more information call Jim Sparrow at 393-3366.